



Mollie Erbes

September 13, 1949 - July 2, 2012

MOLLIE KATHERINE ERBES, age 62 of Haymarket, Virginia passed away Monday, July 2, 2012 at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia.

She was born September 13, 1949, daughter of the late Emmaline (nee Young) Samura and Manabu Samura. Mollie earned her BA degree in 1972; MA in Elementary Education in 1979 and her MA in Special Education in 1997 from the University of Northern Colorado. She was a kindergarten teacher at J.W. Alvey Elementary School in Haymarket. Her passions were teaching and reading.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Arthur Samura.

Survivors include her loving husband of 43 years, Ronald P. Erbes; three children, Kimberley Culp of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, P. Jacob Erbes of Greeley, Colorado and Sarah Erbes of Haymarket, Virginia; three siblings, Terrell Samura of Vail, Colorado, Jill McNevin of Denver, Colorado and Alan Samura of Brighton, Colorado.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Friday, July 6, 2012 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Interment will take place in Colorado.

In lieu of flowers we would appreciate donations to "Reading is Fundamental"
- rif.org.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

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“ Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Erbes family and friends. She was a wonderful teacher to our son Alex Tran, who just loved her. She truly made our first year at J.W. Alvey outstanding with her passion for teaching. I was hoping to have her again as my daughter enters Kindergarden this fall, but God had other plans. May our wonderful memories of her always remain in our hearts.

Love,
The Tran Family (Alvey Elementary)

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“ Ron is like a big brother to me. I could see the love in his heart thru the sparkle in his eyes as he would talk about 'his girls' I would liked to have known Mollie more for the love she had with Ron and their children is so grand. Though her presence will be truly missed, the celebration of her life will go on . . . with every book that is read and every childs heart she has touched.

May God Bless you every day with comfort and fill you with His peace.

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Mollie's family. She was a dedicated, skilled educator with a passion for her career. She will be sorely missed by our Alvey staff, students, and the community as a whole.

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“Mrs. Erbes instilled a passion for learning in both my children, Alexis and Mia. With each child, she approached them differently, and according to their skills. After the experience we had with Alexis (our oldest), we made sure that Mia had Mrs. Erbes for a teacher, too (1 year later).

One particular story sticks out to me that I'd like to share. Mrs. Erbes thought one of our children should be tested for the gifted learning program. When the test results came back, they weren't overwhelming, and she otherwise would not have been put in the program. Mrs. Erbes could have left it at that. Instead, on her own time, she put together a write-up on her language abilities and writing skills with some samples, and sent it to the County. Anyone could have said, "I tried." Mrs. Erbes went the extra mile.

Now one and two years removed from Mrs. Erbes' class, the girls still speak so fondly of their time in her class. In fact, this past Spring both girls had to write up small reports for a school-wide listing of people they were thankful for. Both girls - on their own - wrote glowing reports of their time with Mrs. Erbes.

As a parent, I realize that the children's introduction to learning will set the tone for their life. My wife and I are eternally grateful that Mrs. Erbes cared so deeply for our girls, and set them on the path to success. Every child remembers one or two teachers along the way, and we Lamberts have ours already picked out.

Thank you for sharing your wife and mother with our family, and please know how positive an impact she had on our family.

Brian, Esteffanny, Alexis and Mia Lambert

The Lambert Family - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

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“ To The Erbes Family,

Our hearts and prayers go out to you during this time of loss.

We can only try to imagine how special Mollie was to you her family, and to her close friends.

"Mrs. Erbes" as Alvey students addressed her, had many many students, yet like my daughter Natalie, she made them each feel special in their own right. She saw the talents and gifts each child had to help them thrive. She knew when to nurture and when to teach them boundaries and encourage them to reach their learning potential and beyond.

As a parent, Mollie was extremely helpful in guiding Natalie's path and I will be forever grateful to her, as she was instrumental in making my daughter the student she is today.

Like so many families we count ourselves blessed to have had the gift of Mrs. Erbes in our lives.

Our prayers are with you all.

Anna Marie and Natalie Evans

Anna Marie and Natalie Evans - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I will remember Mollie fondly as a wonderful colleague at J.W. Alvey. I taught with Mollie several years ago, and remember her calm, loving nature to the children and staff members at school. Mollie always spoke so lovingly of her family, and I know she will be missed by many.*

Andrea Morgan - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM